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BAN ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had conducted any survey to study the impact of ban on tobacco products;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to rehabilitate the labourers working in tobacco industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and labourers likely to be affected thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c): The findings of the study commissioned to assess the impact of various regulatory restrictions contemplated to control and reduce tobacco consumption in the country on direct employment scenario in the tobacco sector, indicates that the labour utilized will be adversely affected. The loss of employment will be directly proportional to the rate of reduction in the consumption of tobacco. However, the effect of reduction will be felt over different time frames by various labour segments such as cultivators, manufacturers, processors, agents, traders, etc. in the field.

The appropriate authorities are advised from time to time to take into account the concerns of various organizations while initiating actions on such issues.